

1. Historic Name (s) APPLETON FARM		22. Map & Lot No. 8 - 32	
Original Owner Francis Appleton		23. Original Range/Lot VI - 4 - 1	
Present Name Birch Acres		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock	
3. Owner's Name Beech Hill Foundation		25. UTM Reference 18 743007 4754600 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address Dublin, N.H., 03444		26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location Hancock Rd. (Rte. 137)		27. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Ownership Private Local State Institutional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission		29. Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Settlement</u> Other <u>Agriculture</u>	
11. Architect		30. Endangered Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder		31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date c.1786		32. Major Alterations & Date 19th century bay window, brackets, & barn	
14. Style Georgian		33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use Farmhouse			
16. Present Use Apartments			
17. Condition Interior Exterior fair			

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18. Description

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19. History

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20. Significance

One of the earliest known 2-story farmhouses to survive in Dublin, this substantial late-Georgian house, retaining its 18th century proportions and showing 19th-century stylistic additions, was owned by one family from its settlement until the mid-20th century. Home of Appleton family, long prominent in Dublin agriculture and history, and closely related to President Franklin Pierce.

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21. Source of Information

History of Dublin, pp.552, 640, 708, 709  
Lois Appleton Faulkner interview  
Deeds

34. Prepared by:

WLB/WM/ED/LS

35. Organization

36. Date 2/10/79 & 2/4/81

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37. PHOTO L. SHONK 11/79

Roll No. C  
Picture No. 0  
Direction FACING NORTHWEST

I verify that the appearance of these structures has not changed since the photo was taken. W.L. Barham 4/83

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HOUSE - FRONT

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BARN - FRONT

## DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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18. Description

A large 2-story, central-chimney, frame farmhouse of almost square configuration, its 3-bay facade and narrow window openings are typical of the 18th century. Extending to the west is a long 1 1/2-story ell with shed-type dormers; semi-octagonal bay windows and bracketed hood are Victorian additions. Although house retains original proportions, the narrow clapboards have been covered with modern siding and small-paned windows replaced by 2/2 sash. (This house is similar in overall proportion to Isaac Appleton-Hannaford [#15] and Wm. Greenwood-Scribner [#57] houses of the same period.)

At the rear, northeast of the house, is a late 19th-century frame barn complete with cornice brackets, cupola and weathervane. It is clapboarded with 6/6 windows, except for series of tiny square windows to right of main door. This full-length central doorway is surmounted by small pane transom set in unusual lintel with concave ends.

19. History

Built c.1786-89 by Francis Appleton, Jr. (1759-1849), who married Polly Ripley in 1789 and whose descendants for several generations lived here and were prominent in the annals of Dublin. Francis (whose brother Jesse was president of Bowdoin College) had bought the land from his father, a native of Ipswich, Mass. and founder of New Ipswich, N.H.

He, in turn, deeded the farm to his youngest child Jesse Ripley Appleton (1809-1904) who farmed it for over 60 years and served in the State Legislature for several terms. The property came down successively to his son and grandson, Charles F. Appleton (1856-1941), founder of Dublin Electric Co. (first source of electric power in town 1899), and Arthur T. Appleton (1884-1961), an electrical engineer. Both of the latter served as Selectmen and in various other town offices. (Last of the family to live here were Lois Appleton Faulkner and her husband William Faulkner who farmed the property after World War II.)

The house was sold in 1950, and is now a staff house of the Beech Hill Foundation, an alcoholic rehabilitation center.

Additional Note: Francis Appleton was the uncle by marriage of the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, who in 1834 married Jane Appleton, daughter of his brother Jesse, president of Bowdoin College. Pierce was also a graduate of Bowdoin.

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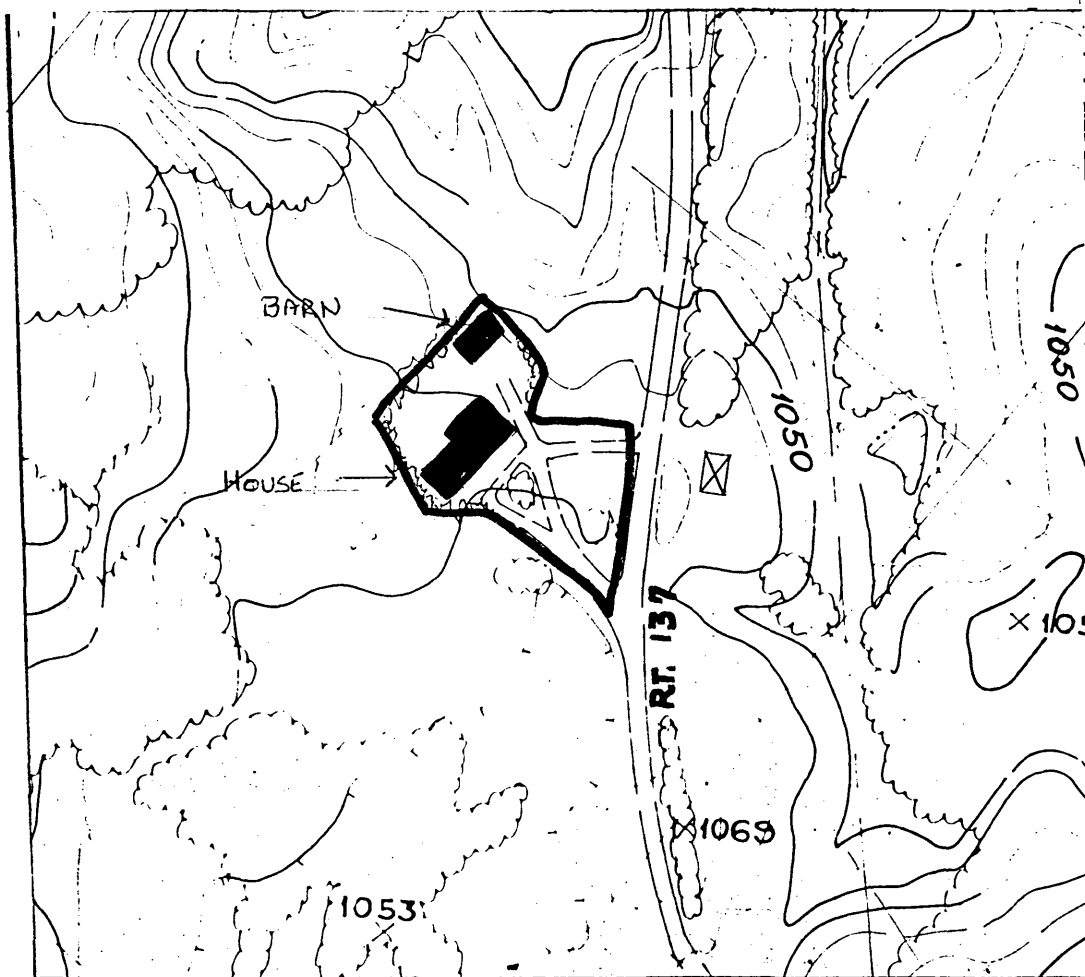
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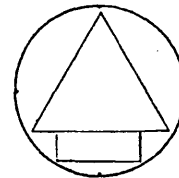
FRONT VIEW FROM DRIVE

## HISTORIC NAME

Appleton Farm



PROPERTY OWNER: Beech Hill Foundation  
 SITE NUMBER: 13  
 PROPERTY NAME: Birch Acres  
 ADDRESS: Hancock Road (Route 137)



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"= 200'

Bounded on the north by a gully just east of the barn and a stone wall, on the east by Rt. 137, on the south by the edge of the driveway and on the west by the edge of trees. .98 acres.

## HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DUBLIN, N.H.

## JUSTIFICATION:

Immediate visual surroundings incorporating the features contributing to the property's architectural and historical significance.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Dublin Multiple Resource Area  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cover 12/18/83

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Allison, Capt. Samuel, House *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

Attest

Determined Eligible

\* 2. Amory-Appel Cottage *for* Keeper eligible Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

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\* 3. Amory Ballroom *for* Keeper eligible Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

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4. Amory House *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Entered in the National Register

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5. Appleton Farm *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

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6. Appleton-Hannaford House *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Entered in the National Register

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7. Ballou-Newbegin House *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

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8. Beech Hill *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Entered in the National Register

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9. Brackett House *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Substantive Review

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Substantive Review

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